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TAGS : CDES (BRIDEAU, JOSEPH)  
SUBJ : DEATH OF JOSEPH BRIDEAU

REF: STATE 019243, LAGOS 0552, LAGOS 1060

1. SENATOR EASTLAND INTERESTED.
2. CORONER'S REPORT BROUGHT TO EMBASSY BY SEDCO-NIGERIA  
MANAGER BARRAS READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. I WISH TO  
CONFIRM THAT I DID THE AUTOPSY ON JOSEPH RAYMOND BRIDEAU.  
I WAS ASSISTED BY DR. A.C. IKSINGA, A NIGERIAN DOCTOR,  
TRAINED IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE HEAD OF JOSEPH RAYMOND  
BRIDEAU WAS EXAMINED EXTERNALLY. THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE  
HISTORY PRIOR TO HIS DEATH OR THE FINDINGS ON PHYSICAL  
EXAMINATION TO INDICATE ANY INTRA-CRANIAL PATHOLOGY RELATED  
TO HIS DEATH. AS A RESULT THE SKULL WAS NOT OPENED. I  
AGAIN CONFIRM THAT THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH REMAINS UNKNOWN  
AND SPECIMENS OF HIS INTERNAL ORGANS WERE PRESERVED FOR  
HISTOPATHOLOGIC STUDY. SIGNED DR. O.G. BANIGO SENIOR  
CONSULTANT SUREGEON. UNQUOTE.
3. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER OF POLICE, PORT  
HARCOURT TO THE MANAGER OF EASTERN DRILLING PORT HARCOURT DATED  
JANUARY 27, 1978 READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE 1. I AM DIRECTED TO REFER  
TO YOUR LETTER NO. PD/PH/D.3/JRB/77-11 OF JANUARY 16, 1978 AND TO  
REPORT THAT ON 2/1/78 ONE MR. OWEN IGIRI OF NO. 71 OHAETO STREET  
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D/LINE, PORT HARCOURT COMPLAINED AT THE STATE C.I.D. CHARGE ROOM  
PORT HARCOURT THAT THE DECEASED JOSEPH RAYMOND BRITON OF SOUTH  
EASTERN DRILLING COMPANY OF NIGERIA LIMITED, PIPE LINE DIVISION  
BASED AT CHOBA IN PORT HARCOURT DIED AT HIS CABIN WHERE ON ASSIGNMENT  
AT OPOBO. THE SOURCE REVEALED THAT THE PREVIOUS NIGHT HE  
ACCOMPANIED HIS COLLEAGUES TO OPOBO TOWNSHIP FOR REFRESHMENT.

ON HIS RETURN HE REPORTED SICK BUT HE DIED BEFORE ANY ONE COULD  
ADMINISTER TREATMENT.

2. ON THE STRENGTH OF THE REPORT DETECTIVE

SERGEANT EMMANUEL EKE LED THE TEAM OF HOMICIDE SQUAD TO THE SCENE.  
THE CORPSE WAS REMOVED TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL MORTUARY PORT  
HARCOURT WHERE POST MORTEM EXAMINATION WAS CONDUCTED AND DOCTOR  
FOUND AS FOLLOWS: EXTERNALLY LINEAL ABRASION ON THE RIGHT ARM  
AND ON THE BACK RT. SIDE, INTERNALLY LIVER LUNGS, HEART AND KIDNEYS  
SHOW NO ABRORMAL DISORDER, SPECIMENS OF LIVER HEART LUNGS TAKEN  
FOR INVESTIGATION. I CERTIFY THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN MU OPINION  
TO BE UNKNOWN. 3. IN THE LIGHT OF THE MEDICAL REPORT, THE  
MATTER HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE CORONER FOR DETERMINATION, PLEASE.  
SIGNED A. ADERIBIGBE ASP. FOR Q/C "D" DEPARTMENT (CID), PORT  
HARCOURT. UNQUOTE.  
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